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ABSTRACT

This volume focuses on cultural differences relevant to all child-care-giving settings, including day care, nursery, and preschool programs. Based on respect for cultural pluralism, this concise supplementary text is designed to increase caregiver sensitivity to different cultural child-care practices and values and to improve communication and understanding between the caregiver and parents. Daily caregiving routines and objectives are stressed throughout, emphasizing practical, immediate concerns, not just general principles or rules. Teaching antibias to infants has to do with the agreement the caregiver makes with each parent about the way to take care of and interact with the baby. Cultural values play a very important role in areas such as feeding, sleeping, and toilet training, and differences among groups should be respected, even if it is not always possible to accommodate them in a day-care setting. (SLD)

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